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REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 13, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 13, 2006. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4 were allowed. Claims 5-13 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 14-20 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is requested for the reasons discussed below.

Double Patenting Rejections

In this Office Action, claims 5-13 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 36-41 of co-pending application 10/609,967. In response, the Applicant is filing a terminal disclaimer to eliminate a double patenting issue relative to co-pending Application No. 10/609,967. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the provisional double patenting rejection of claims 5-13.

Claim Objections

Claims 14-20 were objected to as being depend upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the terminal disclaimer being filed with this response, Applicant submits that independent claims 5 and 11, from which claims 14-20 depend, are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection to claims 14-20.

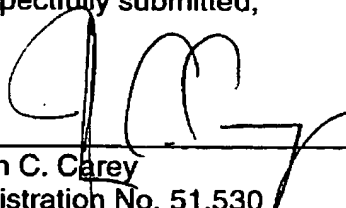
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Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and therefore requests that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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